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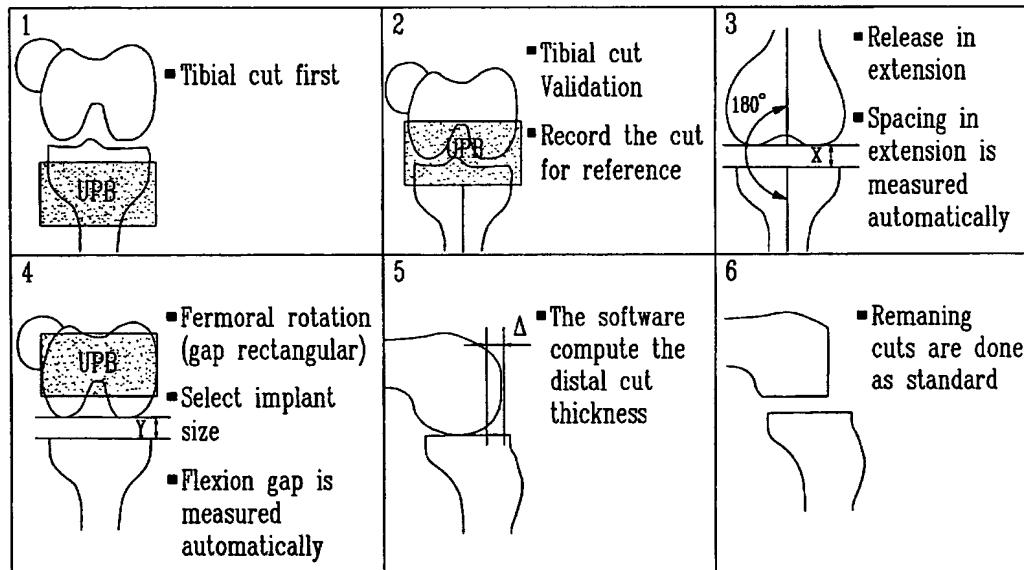
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a method and system for determining a distal cut thickness and posterior cut thickness for a femur (1) in a knee replacement operation, the method comprising: performing a tibial cut on a tibia (2); performing soft tissue balancing based on a desired limb alignment; measuring an extension gap between the femur and said tibial cut while in extension; measuring a flexion gap between the femur and the tibial cut while in flexion; calculating a distal cut thickness and a posterior cut thickness for the femur using the extension gap and the flexion gap and taking into account a distal thickness and posterior thickness of a femoral implant; and performing said femoral cut according to the distal cut thickness and posterior cut thickness.

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